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AMERICANS RUIN -REBEL FORT

U. S. Warships Destroy Filipino Stronghold.

Marines Land Under Fire—Insurgents Resist the Assault Desperately, but Are Driven Away.

Manila, Sept. 24.—The United States cruiser Dhariston, the monitor Monterey and the gunboats Concord and Zafiro, with marines and blue jacks from the cruiser Baltimore left Cavite September 18th, and, as already cabled, proceeded to Subig bay to destroy an insurgent canon there.

Owing to the bad weather the operation was postponed until yesterday, when the warships for three hours bombarded the town of Olan-gapo and the entrenchments where the gun was situated.

Men from the Charleston, Concord and Zafiro were then landed under a heavy insurgent fire, proceeding to the canon, which was utterly destroyed by gun cotton and then returning to the warship. The Americans had one man wounded during the engagement. While waiting in Subig bay for better weather, the Americans described Filipino reconnoiterers moving toward Olan-gapo. At 6.40 a. m. yesterday the Monterey began to advance upon the town, which was about three miles east of the Monitor's anchorage. The Charleston, Concord and Zafiro followed. At 7.25 the Monterey opened fire with her second artillery and main batteries, the Charleston and Concord joining immediately. At 7.38 the insurgent's cannon answered, the first shot passing close to the Monterey's smokestack. The gun was fired twice only. The Americans bombarding then became General.

"ASHAMED OF HIS COUNTRY."

Mason's Strong Condemnation of the Filipino War.

Washington, September 20.—In an interview with a Post reporter today Senator Mason, of Illinois, said:

"On the floor of the Senate I shall continue my opposition to the war upon the Filipinos. I would sooner resign my seat than treat a dog the way we are treating those people. I am ashamed of my country.

"People make a great mistake," he continued, "when they say I am against expansion. I am not. But expansion by purchase or other honorable means is one thing; and expansion by force is another.

"I do not believe that there was any necessity for this war upon the Filipinos. I believe that if we had adopted a resolution in Congress assuring those people, as we assured the Cubans, that we had no selfish design upon them, we never would have met with any opposition in the Philippines. The fact is, we have given the Filipinos every reason to distrust us, and they are fighting for their own liberty."

"Talk about hauling down our flag," continued Senator Mason. "Will not our flag come down in Cuba? Certainly it will, if we are true to our promises. And the day that it comes down will be the brightest day in our history, because it will show that we are a great unselfish nation, devoted to the eternal principles of right and honesty. If the Cubans want to be annexed later, that is another question. Why cannot we deal with the Filipinos in the same way?"

Governor Tyler, voicing the sentiment of the people of Virginia, appropriately celebrated the return of Admiral Dewey to these shores by ordering a salute of seventeen guns, the Admiral's salute, in the Capitol Square at Richmond, on Tuesday afternoon. A large crowd was present. The firing of the salute was much commented upon and it met with the approval of the citizens generally, all of whom were glad to learn that Admiral Dewey had arrived safely at New York.

DEWEY HOME FUND'S SPURT More than \$10,000 Received in the Last Two Days.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Contributions to the Dewey Home Fund received today amounted to \$5,542, making the total subscriptions \$38,310. It is now believed the sum will exceed \$50,000.

Among contributors today were Mrs. Westinghouse, \$2,000; Senator McMillan, Michigan, \$500; Joseph Pulitzer, \$1,000, and Whitelaw Reid \$500. During the last two days subscriptions have aggregated more than \$10,000.

"No time limit has been set by the committee for closing the subscription list," said the United States Treasurer to the World correspondent today. The committee hope to secure \$20,000 more which will swell the total figure to about \$60,000.

COMING TO NORFOLK.

The North Atlantic Squadron to Be There in October.

Norfolk, Va., September 26.—The visit of the big Virginia delegation to Washington to secure the presence of the Olympia and the North Atlantic Squadron in Hampton Roads early in October has born fruit. Assistant Secretary Allen notified Senator Martin, of Virginia, last night that the North Atlantic squadron will be in Hampton Roads between the 2nd and 6th of October. This is construed to mean that the Olympia will be one of the warships in the squadron.

The occasion is to be made a grand holiday. All the schools in the Tidewater section around Norfolk, Newport News, Berkeley, Portsmouth, Hampton and other nearby points will be closed for a day, and excursions will be run to the scene from all points by rail and steamer.

The business organizations of Tidewater Virginia, assisted by those of Richmond, are busy preparing a proper program of reception.

Dewey Day.

Yesterday was a great day in New York and other place in this country. Admiral Dewey's arrival in New York was celebrated in a manner never before witnessed or known probably, in our history. It looks as though many of our people are Hero worshippers.

Democrats Should Name Dewey.

London, Sept. 26.—The Daily Chronicle says: "President McKinley and his friends will possibly regard the popular welcome extended to Admiral Dewey with not a little anxiety, owing to the contrast of Dewey's success with the floundering of Otis."

"If the Democrats are wise they will make Dewey their champion. He would be a formidable candidate for the Presidency."

"Gen. Alger had to be dragged from President McKinley like an eyetooth. Will any dental operation induce him to give up the ineffectual Otis?"

Republican Nomination.

Big Stone Gap, Va., September 26.—At a Republican convention held at Wise Courthouse yesterday, the delegates from Wise, Buchanan and Dickenson counties, nominated John L. Litz, of Coeburn, as their candidate for the House of Delegates. Rev. Jas. B. Craft, of Scott, nominated by the delegates from Scott, Lee and Wise, at the Second District senatorial convention, has signified his intention of not entering the race. Mr. R. P. Bruce, of Wise, Democratic nominee will have no opposition.

SMYTHE AND BLAND REPUBLICANS.

Bland, Va., Sept. 26.—The Republicans of Smythe and Bland counties met in convention here today and nominated J. D. Honaker, of Bland, for the House to oppose F. Kegley.

Family Washing.

The capacity of our plant being taxed to do the usual work of a laundry, we cannot take family washing. Regular list prices will be charged. We thank our friends for their liberal patronage thus far and hope to merit a continuance of the same. Respectfully,
TAZEWELL STEAM LAUNDRY.

DEWEY ARRIVES AHEAD OF TIME

The Olympia Anchors Near Sandy Hook.

Welcomed With the Admiral's Salute by Shore Batteries.

Spends the Morning Reading Papers.

New York, September 27.—Admiral Dewey arrived of New York at dawn, and the Olympia is now anchored in American waters in the light of Sandy Hook.

The first shout of welcome was from the pilots and crew of a pilot boat, Number 7, fifteen miles south of the Hook lightship. It happened to be Pilot John Peterson's turn, and at 5.30 a. m. he was put aboard the Olympia and brought her around the Hook and into the lower bay. The marine observers along the coast sighted the Olympia in the first light of the morning. The shore batteries of Fort Hancock, manned by gunners called from breakfast, let loose seventeen guns. The flagship replied with twenty-one cheers not far from where the cup challenger Shamrock is moored.

The admiral was in his own country again, after twenty-three months absence. The pilot had brought aboard the Sunday papers and a reporter of the Associated Press was received by the Admiral in a cabin littered by the illustrated Dewey additions, which together made hundreds of pages in black and white, and in colors, all concerning the great admiral and the preparations made to receive him.

WHY HE WAS AHEAD OF TIME.

Alluding to his arrival two days ahead of the time he was expected, Admiral Dewey said:

"I am sorry that I am ahead of the schedule. The Olympia has been steaming at the uniform rate of ten knots an hour since we left Gibraltar. Several days ago we knew that we would arrive before Thursday unless we moderated our speed, or went somewhere out of our course. Captain Lamberton, Lieutenant Brumby and I held a conversation. The propriety of running into Hampton Roads or some other port in the South was spoken of, but we concluded that we ought not to touch land first anywhere except in New York. It was suggested that we cruise some distance outside New York harbor until Thursday, but we knew if we did that we would be discovered and reported. The weather looked a little squally and it seemed to be better to be inside the hook than outside. But the consideration that really decided us to come into port was to give Captain Lamberton a chance to clean up the ship before our voyage up the harbor. Captain Lamberton and I are very proud of the Olympia, and we wanted enough time at our anchorage to rub her down and make her look spick and span."

The anchors were hardly down before details of the crew were washing the ships' white sides and touching up the stains with paint. The admiral's first business was to send an officer ashore with telegrams for the Navy Department, Mayor Van Wick and General Butterfield, announcing the arrival.

AS TO THE PRESIDENCY.

It was suggested to the Admiral that the Democratic slate had been settled with Admiral Dewey for the Presidency and General Wheeler for the vice-presidency. "Well," said the Admiral, "we should make a pretty mess of it. General Wheeler, of course, has had some training in the political school, but then he is a West Pointer. I had forgotten that. He would want to run everything as he would run a regiment, and, of course, would make a mess of it. You cannot run a government, as you would a regiment."

"Well, Admiral," suggested the reporter, "it would not be such a

change from the ship Olympia to the ship of state."

"Yes," said the Admiral, "it would be a very great change. I am not a politician, I am a sailor; my training has been all that way. I am at home on board my ship. I know my business, or at least, should know it, and I do not want to mix up in the affairs of the government. I am perfectly satisfied to live and die a simple sailor, who tried to do his duty. I am not a politician. I cannot even make a speech. I wish I could, but I have to be content with my lot."

Some one said just then to the Admiral that his son was reported to have made a statement to the effect that his father was a dyed in the wool Republican.

The admiral laughed outright, an turning around, pointed to a piece of wood lying on the deck some yards away, at the same time saying:

"My son knows about as much about my politics as that piece of stick."

The Admiral would not say a word about the alleged interference of the German Admiral Diedrich at Manila.

Death of N. L. Crockett.

Newton L. Crockett, whose serious illness of typhoid fever, was mentioned in a recent issue of the News, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. D. Hambrick, near Springville, on the 26th inst. He was about 40 years of age and unmarried. Mr. Crockett's death was a surprise and a shock to a large circle of friends and relatives, as it was reported that he was improving. He was popular with, and beloved by all who knew him. He was true to his friends, and his enemies were few. His fine musical gifts made him a welcome and prominent figure in many social and festal gatherings, and he will be remembered and missed. Peace to his ashes.

Suggestive Figures.

Here are a few figures Rev. Mr. French gave us in his last Sunday sermon: The United States spends yearly for liquors \$1400 millions; for tobacco \$300 million; for amusements \$400 millions; for chewing gum \$22 million; for home missions 6 million and foreign missions five million. It would appear, judging from these figures, that recent statements made in this paper were not far from the truth.

Roanoke College.

Roanoke College is having a prosperous session, with students in attendance from sixteen states and from Porto Rico, Cuba and Korea. Next to Virginia in numerical order of representation came North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. Students are arriving almost every day and a good many others are expected. The students are a fine looking set of fellows, and they have made a very favorable impression on the faculty and among the people of Salem by their manly and orderly bearing.

Shorthand has been made a regular study in the Commercial Course, and hence there is no longer any extra fee for it. Already twelve students have begun that study.

Grundy, Va., Sept. 10, 99.

Dr. J. D. Pobst, Tazewell, Va.

Dear Sir:—My glasses suited me so well it was a surprise to find myself benefitted so much for I have spent much money traveling to oculist and seems benefitted but little. Now I am read print at arms length I am glad to recommend your work to the public as I feel the benefit of it.

Truly yours,
J. R. DAVIS.

Church Dedication.

The Methodist church South, at Bishops, Clear Fork, Va., has been remodeled and is now a thing of beauty, and will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 1st, 1899, by Rev. J. T. Frazier. All are cordially invited.

C. E. PAINTER, p. c.

Cove Creek, Va., Sept. 25, 99.

Rev. Sampson Yates, of Elkhorn, a prominent colored minister, and C. R. Heath, of Tip Top, called at our office on Monday on business. Rev. Yates preached here last Sunday for Rev. A. Davis.

THE BLUESTONE HOMICIDE.

D. B. Gillespie Surrenders on Agreement,

Statement of the Sad Affair By His Father, Rev. J. H. Gillespie.

The killing of White by Gillespie, son of Rev. Jas. H. Gillespie, as reported in our last paper, has created a good deal of excitement and deep regret, not only in the community where the sad affair occurred, but all over the County. Mr. Gillespie, who killed Mr. White, is closely related to the large family of that name in the County, and the son of a minister of the gospel. The affair has given rise to a great many rumors.

It is, of course, understood that a newspaper should not attempt to create sentiment, either for or against anyone charged with crime, but this does not mean that statements may not be made for the benefit of those interested as well as the public generally. The main facts, as reported to us, in our office, on yesterday by Rev. Jas. H. Gillespie, the father of the unfortunate young man who did the killing, are as follows: On the afternoon of the killing Gillespie sent his shepherd dog after his milk cow, as was his custom. The dog found the cow and brought her in. In the meantime Gillespie heard White's cow bell rattling as though she was running. The cows were in the same pasture.

Gillespie milked his cow, and had gone to the house, and was sitting on his front porch with his wife and baby, and Mr. Robert Wells, a neighbor. White, who lives some distance away, (on same farm) in company with his wife, who was carrying a lantern, came up to Gillespie's back gate carrying a gun and called him, and asked "where is my cow?" When Gillespie replied that he did not know, White began to abuse him, and accused him of dogging his cow, and pointed his gun at him and threatened to kill him. Gillespie moved out of range and went to D. A. Hambricks to get a gun, saying that he would see him. In the meantime White and his wife left, going toward home. Gillespie returned with a gun and followed White, who by this time was nearly home. Gillespie called him to wait or come back, that he wanted to settle the matter, having told his wife that he could not and would not stand White's abuse any longer. When White heard Gillespie calling he went back to meet him.

When the men met about a dozen steps apart both fired, and both fell. White was killed instantly and Gillespie stunned by the concussion of the discharge from White's gun. These statements are reported, as made to us by Rev. Jas. H. Gillespie, and he further said, that his son, who fled after the killing, came in and surrendered himself on Wednesday, upon agreement with the Commonwealth's attorney, that he should be admitted to bail. This agreement was carried into effect by Gillespie appearing in person before Squire H. G. Peery, who held a warrant against him for murder, issued by Judge Stuart. He waived examination and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$5000.00 according to his agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney, to appear before the next county court to answer the indictment for murder.

Geo. W. Gillespie, Jos. S. Gillespie, Dr. R. B. Gillespie and H. G. McCall, became his sureties. Owing to relationship, Mr. Barnes Gillespie, the Commonwealth's Attorney, cannot prosecute the case, and Mr. A. S. Higginbotham has been appointed for the purpose. The well known lawyers, Henry & Graham and Chapman & Gillespie will conduct the defence.

Real Estate Bargains.

We have several pieces of real estate recently purchased by the Holston National Building and Loan Association, which can be bought cheap and on easy terms. Call at this office, or on Judge J. H. Stuart.

BLUESTONE. We are having some cool rains. Wheat sowing is the go.

Mr. Walter Rable made a flying trip to Elkhorn today on business.

W. B. Morton and A. K. Brown sold a nice bunch of cattle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Compton, of Falls Mills was on Bluestone Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Stephens, of Abbs Valley, was visiting her son, Robert, her Sunday.

Mr. R. E. French sold his fine mule colt for \$45 to Mr. Samuel Williams of Bland county.

Mrs. W. W. McClanahan returned yesterday from Giles county, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Strader.

We wish the tax collector was as careless about our taxes as the school trustees are about giving us a school at Teal Branch.

Mr. J. T. Nash was called to attend the burial last Friday of his sister, Mrs. Jno. W. Johnson, who lived near Falls Mills. She was 69 years old.

Mr. Newton Crockett, who has been confined one month with typhoid fever, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. D. Hambrick Tuesday at 11 o'clock. He will be buried at the Wallace graveyard.

The bible says entertain strangers for by so doing you may entertain angels. So, I thought the other night when it was raining so hard that I would obey the scriptures, and I kept three gentlemen all night, and the next morning they went to get their horses and stole a rope that Rattlehead had hanging in the barn shed, told him good-bye and left.

RATTLEHEAD.

H. M. Smythe and the Convention

My Dear Mr. Leslie: You assume in a short editorial of last week that I am an 'independent' candidate and consequently in antagonism to my party. It would have required a strong vision at the time of my announcement to have foreseen the possibility of a Democratic Convention. No consideration of party integrity demanded it and it was opposed to good sense as well as good feeling, and it was apparent to any one with ordinary judgement, that the convention idea originated in the avowed determination of the Martin machine men here to prevent at all hazards the election of a Tyler delegate. Every effort has been made to bring about the nomination of a Republican by the Republicans and thus having so far failed, it is said, as a last resort, that the "management" will actually bring about the nomination of a Republican by the Democrats. In this situation you will easily see that in view of the record I have made in twenty years of unflinching service to my party that I cannot participate in a course of action dictated by personal pique, unsanctioned by the semblance of expediency, and calculated to bring the party into ridicule and contempt. I will be content if elected to the General Assembly to let the caucus of the party decide the question of my party fealty.

I am sir
Very truly yours,
HARRY M. SMYTHE.

Church Notes.

There will be preaching next Sunday in Stras Memorial church by either Mr. Wyse or Mr. Greever, at 11 a. m.

Rev. Mr. Wayts will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Word and Its Work." At night, "The Candle of the Lord."

Rev. Mr. Ruff, pastor of the Presbyterian church, returned last Friday from Presbytery, which met in Carroll county last week. He preached at Cedar Bluff Sunday.

On the 2nd Sunday in October, at 11 a. m., the Cavatte's Creek church will be dedicated as heretofore announced and Rev. J. S. French will preach for us in same house at 2.30 p. m. We hope to have a profitable day. You are invited to come.

Respectfully,
J. N. HARMAN.

Gentians.

(Daisy Clarke Kendrick.)

To-day, while softly on the roof
The autumn raindrops beat,
And I, in discontented mood,
Gazed out upon the street—
I saw a ragged, barefoot boy
Go whistling past my door,
Who, on his coat, with jaunty grace,
Some faded gentians wore.

The memory drew aside the shroud
That hid the lifeless Past—
The city, fading from my view,
Became a woodland vast;
A tiny brook went singing by,
Upon whose margin grew
Full many a flow'ring fair and sweet
That matched the sky in hue.

And in the midst, hand clasping hand,
Two happy lovers strayed—
(A youth went chanting love-tunes old
Unto a listening maid.)
Aunt they paused, I marked the youth,
While on the grass he lay,
Some blue-fringed gentians idly cull
And weave a garland gay.

She fastened some upon his breast,
With hands that trembled so
He smiled and caught them in his own
The vowed with cheeks aglow,
That he'd retain her gift for years,
Though death of sun and showers
Would dim the brightness which they wore

In those glad autumn hours.
The vision faded, and mine eyes
Beheld the city street,
And once again upon the roof
I heard the rain drops beat.
I turned, and from its hiding-place
With careful fingers drew
A dainty casket, wherein lay
A withered wreath of blue.

Now night has fallen; o'er the way
The lights gleam through the rain—
And through a blinding mist of tears
I view that wreath again.
Ah, little chaplet, dead for years,
What memories 'round you dwell!
Of love and hope, despair and death,
Your faded blossoms tell.

You torture me with thoughts of one
Who died long years ago—
Who sleeps beside a rippling rill
Where blue-fringed gentians grow,
Alas! alas! I sit alone
And hold his gift tonight,
And know that nevermore my Love
Will greet my yearning sight.

North Tazewell, Va.

PERSONAL.

You Will Find Them Here—Those You Know and Don't Know.

Major Henry is on the streets again after several days indisposition.

J. T. Hopkins made a business trip to Pocahontas this week.

Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Jos. S. Gillespie are reported as improving.

Judge S. M. B. Coulling returned on Wednesday from Buchanan circuit court.

Miss Ollie Bell Moss of Burkes Garden, is visiting relatives and friends at Falls Mills.

J. M. Newton, of Pocahontas, is attending the Knight of Pythias convention in Roanoke this week.

Rev. Jas. F. Gillespie, who has been here several days, left for his home at Pembroke yesterday.

Dr. Thos. E. Peery and several gentlemen friends from Bluefield, spent several days hunting in the community last week.

T. A. Lynch has been in Richmond several days this week attending a meeting of the State Democratic committee.

Misses Ethel Watkins and Nannie Tiller returned home Wednesday from a pleasant visit to Bluefield and Tip Top, respectively.

Revs. R. F. Jackson, of Springville, and Rev. W. E. Bailey, of Knob, two of our most useful county preachers, were in the city this week.

Jno. P. Goss, Esq., of the firm of Goss & Groselows, Burkes Garden, was in town on Monday, as was also Dr. Jas. Crockett and R. M. Lawson.

Miss Garden, of Big Stone Gap, who, with Mrs. Vaughn is on a visit to Mrs. Vaughn's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Jas. S. Peery, was in town on Wednesday.

The many friends of that excellent lady, Mrs. Dr. C. W. Greever, will regret to know that she is quite sick at her home a few miles from town. It is feared that she has typhoid fever.

H. W. Pobst and Moses Hankins, prominent merchants here, have returned from New York where they bought large bills of goods. Mr. Pobst's trip was saddened by the death of his father, which occurred during his absence.

Reuben Harman, of the firm of Harman Bros. & Peery, left Wednesday for New York to buy his fall and winter stock of goods for his large store at Kelly. This is a strong firm and they know how to buy goods, and the trouble of selling is a small one.

Judge and Mrs. S. C. Graham are receiving the hearty congratulations of their numerous friends here and elsewhere upon the birth of a fine daughter, which happy event occurred quite recently.